

POLICE DEPARTMENT.*Notice, dated 27th April 1898.*

A reward of Rs. 100 is offered by Mr. C. V. D. Hay, Assistant Commissioner, Salt and Abkari Department, Trichinopoly for the recovery of his rifle, the description of which and the circumstances under which it was lost have been published in the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 3rd March 1898, Part II, page 273.

K. CHANDY, for *Inspector General of Police.*

EXCISE DEPARTMENT.*Notice No. 7532-17, dated the 3rd May 1898.***SALE OF COUNTRY BEER TAVERNS IN THE CITY OF BANGALORE FOR 1898-99.**

1. Notice is hereby given that the exclusive privilege of selling Country Beer or Porter in each of the three taverns at the Bangalore City specified in the appended schedule, for the twelve months beginning with 1st July 1898 and ending with 30th June 1899, will be put up to public auction on the 18th May 1898 in the Bangalore Taluk Cutcherry, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore district, or other officer authorized by him.

2. Each bidder at the auction will deposit a sum of Rs. 50 or such other reasonable amount as may be fixed by the officer conducting the sale, previous to bidding. Each tavern will be knocked down to the approved highest bidder, subject to the formal confirmation by the Deputy Commissioner, who will be at liberty to accept or reject the bid at discretion without assigning reasons for the same. Such formal confirmation will, unless revised by Government, be tantamount to an acceptance of the bid. Parties intending to bid must attend either in person or by duly accredited agents.

3. As soon as the auction is completed, the deposits made by the unsuccessful bidders and not forfeited as hereinafter provided, will be returned to them. As the auction proceeds, the person whose bid is accepted for each tavern shall at once deposit a sum equal to 1/12ths of a month's rent for that tavern. Should he fail to do so, the deposit made by him under para 2 will be forfeited, the tavern will at once be put up again on the above conditions, and he will be debarred from bidding again for the same or for any other tavern.

4. The persons to whom the taverns have been knocked down, and who have made deposits as provided in paras 2 and 3, shall also, within seven days from the date of the auction, deposit such further sum as, with the first and second deposits, will make up an amount equal to two months' rent of each tavern knocked down to them; and shall take out licenses and execute a counterpart engagement, in the appended form, on the conditions hereinafter set forth. On the failure of any person to make the deposit or to take out license or to execute the counterpart engagement, as aforesaid, the tavern will be re-sold at the risk of such person, or if the auction hereby notified has already been completed, will be otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the Deputy Commissioner. In the case of the purchaser's death after the confirmation of the sale, it will be binding on his heirs or assigns.

5. Re-sales effected under para 4 will be at the risk of the defaulting bidder who will forfeit all gain; and in the event of a loss by re-sale, he will make good the deficiency between the total amount payable for the whole period under the terms of the original sale and the total amount payable by the successful bidder at the re-sale. In the latter case, the forfeited deposit will be deducted from the loss arising from the re-sale and the remainder, if any, will be recovered from the bidder in the same manner as if it were an arrear of land revenue. Should, however, the forfeited deposit be greater than the loss by re-sale, the whole of such deposit will be credited to Government.

6. The license to be taken out under para 4 above shall be subject to the following conditions, namely:—

- (1) The privilege conferred by the license extends to the sale of Country Beer or Porter brewed by Messrs. Leishman & Co., Nilgiris, or by Messrs. Meakin & Co., Kirkee, or in any other Brewery approved by the Excise Commissioner.
- (2) Each tavern shall be maintained in or close to the existing tavern as described in the Schedule.
- (3) The amount for which the privilege has been purchased shall be payable into the Bangalore Taluk Treasury in equal monthly instalments commencing from July 1897; each instalment shall be regarded as the rent for the month in respect of which it is payable. Each month's rent shall be payable on or before the 20th of the same month of the chellam prescribed for the purpose. The deposit of two months' rent made by the licensee will be taken in payment of the rents due for the last two months of the period of the lease. Failing payment by the 20th of the same month, the Deputy Commissioner shall at once proceed to recover the arrears together with interest at 6 per cent under the rules in force for the collection of land revenue. No remission or abatement of the rent shall, on any account whatever, be claimable by the licensee.
- (4) The licensee shall further pay a duty of two annas for every gallon of County Beer or Porter purchased by him.